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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Dominican Republic Situation Report

(Report as of 2:00 PM EST)

1. A break may be developing in the current stalemate. Garcia Godoy has announced that a number of rebel military officers, excluding Caamano and Montes Arache, will leave today for overseas assignments. Ambassador Bunker this morning reported he was "hopeful" that the group would leave for San Juan either today or tomorrow. In his statement Garcia Godoy said Caamano and Montes Arache would also be leaving within a few days. Caamano was slated to spend yesterday afternoon working out a formal proposal guaranteeing the security of any rebel military men left behind. There has been no word of the outcome of the effort and whether Caamano will actually depart still is unclear.

2. The departure of the rebels would not necessarily ensure that a confrontation with the regular military could be avoided. The armed forces leaders have said they would "consider" changes in the high command only if the rebel military leaders--Caamano and Arache--leave, but in their recent efforts to keep the military united behind them they have been stressing that no changes will be accepted until after elections.

3. Santo Domingo was again the scene of disturbances this morning, and press reports stated that one man was killed and another wounded when police

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attempted to disperse a crowd. [redacted] 25X1

25X1 [redacted] at 10am EST mobs appeared to be forming in the downtown area and the pro-Peking Dominican Popular Movement was agitating for a continuation of the general strike. As of this hour it seems doubtful that the walkout will gather additional momentum. The committee representing leftist organizations which are behind the strike had reportedly scheduled a meeting with Caamano in view of the report that some rebel military will be leaving the country. If Caamano should leave, it would certainly pull the rug out from under the strike.

4. Bosch has finally made a public statement

25X1 [redacted] that the walkout is a "hasty and untimely measure." The former president's statement, however, contained the implication that his position was based on the provisional regime's carrying through with its intention of removing the military chiefs.

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